

Abstract

A video surveillance system captures video of a protected area, stores the video in a computer readable  
5 memory, stores data annotations in the computer readable memory where the data annotations are searchable using a search criteria, and stores links that link the stored data annotations to corresponding video segments of the stored video so that the data annotations can be used to  
10 search for a video segment of interest. The data annotations are searched using the search criteria, and the video segment of interest linked to the data annotation found as a result of the search is displayed.